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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR SKILL TRAINING OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – INVITATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR EMPANELLEMENT AS TRAINING PARTNERS

The undersigned is directed to say that a National Action Plan (NAP) for Skilling the PwDs has been launched on 21st March, 2015. The National Action Plan (NAP) envisages bringing all the main stakeholders like various Central Government Ministries, State Governments, NGOs, PSUs and the Private Sector on one platform. The NAP will have the following main components:

- (i) The vocational / skill training would be provided by a network of skill training providers led by Training Partners both from Govt. and non-Govt. sector including Vocational Rehabilitation Centres run by Ministry of Labour & Employment. These Training Partners should have an established track record of providing excellent training in the past with high employability ratio. They would be provided outcome based financial support.
- (ii) A separate Sector Skill Council for PwDs is being created in collaboration with Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
- (iii) A Project Monitoring Unit is being set up in the DEPwD in collaboration with MSDE. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between DEPwD and MSDE.

2. Targets of NAP: The NAP sets a target of skilling 5 lakh PwDs in next 3 years (1 lakh in 2015-16, 1.5 lakh in 2016-17 and 2.5 lakh in 2017-18). After achieving the target for three years, we would have achieved a momentum and would have created a robust on-line skill training platform enabling us to skill 5 lakh PwDs every year, thus skilling 20 lakh more PwDs during 2018-2022. Thus, till the year 2022, the National Action Plan targets for skilling of 25 lakh PwDs.

3. Scheme for Implementation of the NAP: A scheme has been formulated for providing financial assistance for imparting training to PwDs for skill development through empanelled training partners as envisaged in the NAP. The scheme will be funded from the budget allocation to the SIPDA scheme in the year 2015-16. The detailed scheme guidelines are enclosed at **Enclosure**.

4. The scheme will be implemented through empanelled “*training partners*”. The implementation of the scheme is a two-stage process. The first stage is empanelment of training partners and the second stage is seeking and approving specific skill training proposals of the empanelled training partners by a high-powered Committee of DEPwD. Organizations with not less than three years’ experience in organizing skill training programs and fall under the following categories are eligible for application for empanelment:

- (i) Departments of the States Governments/Union Territories, or
- (ii) Autonomous Bodies/ Statutory Bodies/ Public Sector Undertakings set up by Central/State Governments/UT Administrations including Central/State Universities, or
- (iii) National Institutes/ CRCs/DDRCs/RCs/Outreach Centres under MSJ&E, or
- (iv) Organizations registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860, or Indian Trusts Act, 1882 or Companies Act, 1956 who are recognized for skill training by Central/State Government Departments or subordinate bodies there-under.

5. The applications for empanelment will go through a rigorous selection process by an inter-departmental selection committee and finally a panel will be prepared comprising the best available training agencies. At the second stage, project-specific applications will be called for from amongst the empanelled organizations. The projects or proposals for training program will be examined again. Finally, financial assistance will be sanctioned in the manner provided in the scheme to the finally approved training programs submitted by the empanelled organizations. The quantum of financial assistance comprises of training cost, stipend, cost of transport and incentives. Their rates and manner of disbursement are mentioned in the scheme guidelines.

6. Expression of Interest is invited from the willing and eligible organizations for empanelment as training partners in accordance the terms and conditions of the scheme. The pro-forma for application is given at **Annexure I and II** of the scheme guidelines.

7. How to apply and last date: The applications with requisite documents may be sent to the following address and e-mail ID in hard copy and soft copy respectively within 30 days of issue of this Memorandum:

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Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities,
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To,

1. NIC Cell for uploading this O.M. with enclosures on the web-site of of DEPwD.
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3. PPS to JS&FA
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